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REPLY TO EXAMINER'S RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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This is a response to the Office Action mailed June 3, 2002. A restriction requirement was made between I. Claims 1-13 drawn to an apparatus and method for screening reactants, catalysts or reaction conditions, wherein the apparatus comprises a reaction substrate and a headplate, classified in class 422, subclass 58 and II. Claims 14-20 and 33-38 drawn to an apparatus and method for screening reactants, catalysts or reaction conditions, wherein the apparatus comprises a reaction substrate, a thermal unit, a plurality of temperature detectors, a controller, and a plurality of reactant, classified in class 422, subclass 62.

Claims 1-13 are elected for prosecution on the merits with traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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